

Writing



In our writing this term, we will be focusing on a range of genres of writing and we will be using our 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' topic as a stimulus for some of this. We will be using the story 'Bog Baby' as a focus for writing and will complete a variety of different genres linked to this.

We are going to focus on :

- Stories
- Diaries
- Letters
- instructions

We will also focus on standalone literacy skills such as spelling patterns, word classes and grammar activities.

Reading



We have a big focus on reading this year in Year 2. In our reading time we will have time for independent reading as well as time for 1-1 reading with the teacher. It is important that children develop a love of reading so please encourage any reading possible at home. Encouraging children to re-read favourite stories (regardless of the stories' target age) is a great way to develop this love. Home reader should be signed and returned to school on a Friday and will be sent out on a Monday with several books for the week. Please read books several times for children to become fluent.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be covering the following areas in great depth. We will learn the concepts and processes used for each before moving into problem solving in these areas.

We will focus on:

- Place value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Money

You can help your child at home by practising the 2,5 and 10 times tables and practise telling the time.



PE



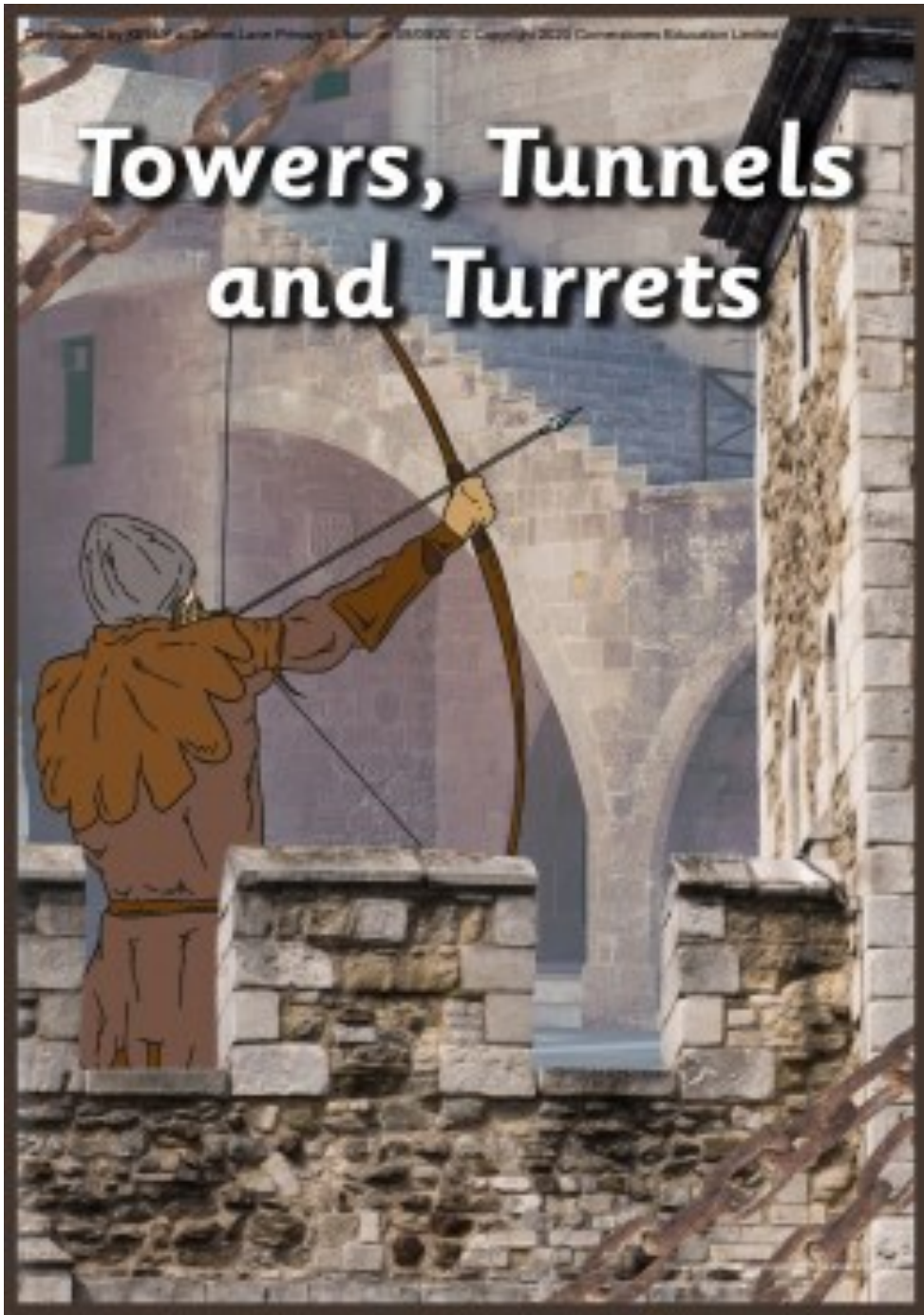
This term, our PE day will be Wednesday. It is important that children wear their PE kits on this day. This term we will be focusing on racket skills.

RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about the bible and the messages that it teaches.

PSHE

In our PSHE this half term our topic is 'Being me in my world'. We will be thinking about the year ahead and what we hope to achieve.



Climbing the battlements or tunnelling in the ground, there's a whole world of adventure and fun to be found!

This term, we will look at castles to explore the towers, battlements and maybe a secret tunnel or two! We'll learn all about the different parts of a castle and describe how they have changed over time. Using a wide range of materials, we'll build models of castles and test the strength of our structures. We'll learn the stories of Rapunzel and The Three Little Pigs and create models inspired by them. Maps and photographs will help us learn about the tallest buildings and the longest tunnels in the world. We'll find out about the amazing Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

At the end of our project, we'll have so much to share! We'll display our amazing structures and share our knowledge.

Help your child prepare for their project

Towers, tunnels and turrets are everywhere! Why not visit a castle, skyscraper, big wheel or tower? Look at the materials the structure is made of to decide why the materials were chosen. You could also use blocks or stones to create tall towers. How high can you go? Alternatively, play Jenga together and see if you can work out how to make the tower stay strong, even when you have removed some of the blocks!